

FLOOD CONDITION WORSE THAN 1913 IN LIMA, OHIO

Lima, O., July 16. — Flood conditions worse than in 1913 prevailed here today. Firemen and policemen in boats were busy rescuing persons marooned in 1,200 flooded houses.

Ottawa river is 10 feet above normal and rising several inches an hour. Torrential rains in last few days cause flood.

Several deaths expected among invalids removed from flooded houses to hospitals in boats. Cottage from north part of city was swept from its foundation and floated down river. About 20 business buildings are under water and 1,000 more homes were expected to be submerged by noon. No drownings have been reported, although dozens of thrilling rescues have been made. The Main street bridge, the largest in the city, was in danger of being carried away at any minute.

Thousands of workers were unable to reach their places of employment.

An unidentified man aiding in rescue of marooned family was caught in flood waters and drowned.

Mrs. Laura Bercau is at city hospital in dangerous condition as result of explosion of water heater at her home. She was descending cellar steps to turn off gas, when rising water caused heater to explode.

Kenton, O. — Hundreds of persons were rescued from flooded homes here today. The Scioto river at 7 a. m. was within ten inches of 1913 flood crest and rising two ft. an hour.

SOUTH WALES COAL TROUBLE GROWS MORE SERIOUS

Cardiff, July 16. — The South Wales coal strike grew more serious today. With exception of about 500 men comprising half the staff of the Alblon colliery, all miners who quit work yesterday in defiance of government's threats of punishment were idle.

Executive council of miners' federation met today to discuss government's proposal for a truce. Leaders refused to forecast what would happen if government attempted to collect fines under munitions act.

Railway lines all over Wales suffered seriously today from lack of coal. Seaport towns were hardest hit and began to bid early for surplus stocks. It was considered probable that if strike continues admiralty will requisition these stocks for use of the British navy.

Executive council of miners, following today's meeting here, will leave for London to meet Walter Runciman, president of government board of trade, to attempt to arrange truce.

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AWFUL!



She—I asked our new maid how she was getting on with the new range this morning. What do you think she said?

He—Can't guess.

She—She said fine! She lit the thing a week ago and it hasn't gone out once!